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TITLE: Use of Substituted 4-Biarylbutyric and 5-Biarylpentanoic Acid
Derivatives as Matrix Metalloprotease Inhibitors for the Treatment of
Respiratory Diseases

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application
national stage filing of PCT/EP99/10110. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12 and 15.

Please amend claims 1-6, 9-11, 14, 16 and 17, as shown in the attached sheets. A
marked version of the claim set showing the changes made is also attached.

Remarks

By way of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 are
pending. Claims 12 and 15 have been canceled, and claims 1-6, 9-11, 14, 16 and 17 have
been amended. These claim cancellations and amendments are being made solely for
purposes of placing the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution. No new
matter was added by way of these amendments.

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